

COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES, ETC.

- ***AARP - Grandparent Information Center** www.aarp.org/grandparents — Information on where to find help when grandparents are raising their grandchildren
- ***ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES** (1-800-797-3260) ---To report suspicions of elder abuse (see also New Mexico State Agency on Aging below)
- ***BERNALILLO COUNTY METROPOLITAN COURT PRO SE UNIT** (841-9817) 401 Lomas NW (2nd floor - Room 210) Mon-Fri 8am to 11:30am, 1pm to 4:30pm; phone calls accepted 8am-5pm. ---Provides limited forms and resources for Self Represented Litigants in small claims lawsuits or evictions. www.metrocourt.state.nm.us
- ***CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE** (1-800-797-3260) ---To report suspicions of child abuse
- ***CHILDREN'S COURT**, John E. Brown Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) (841-5905) 5100 Second Street NW Alb 87107 www.nmcourts.com ---Criminal cases involving juvenile defendants, delinquency proceedings; adoptions, termination of parental rights, abuse and neglect, emancipation of a minor.
- ***CONSUMER DEBT WORKSHOP/CONSUMER ISSUES WORKSHOP**, State Bar of NM (797-6054) 5121 Masthead NE ---Each workshop covers a variety of issues. CALL FIRST for more information and to reserve a place.
- ***COUNSELING SERVICES - CATHOLIC CHARITIES** (724-4670) 1202 Pennsylvania NE ---Non-denominational counseling services for issues of abuse, anger management, anxiety, assertiveness, behavior problems, career, communication skills, medical illness, depression, family problems, financial stress, grief, loss, marital separation or divorce, self-esteem and stress. Sliding scale for financial hardship.
- ***DADS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION** (299-2673) 12301 Manitoba NE ---A private organization which offers information, support and limited help with forms. There is a fee for its services.
- ***DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVISION**, 2nd Judicial District Court (841-6737) (Bernalillo County Courthouse) 400 Lomas NW (4th & Lomas), 2nd Floor Room 274 Alb 87102 www.nmcourts.com ---Protective orders against family members or intimate partners due to domestic violence *within the last 30 days*.
- ***DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/IMMIGRATION SERVICES - CATHOLIC CHARITIES --VAWA IMMIGRATION PROJECT** (724-4649) 2010 Bridge SW---Legal services and representation to eligible immigrants to apply for legal status for themselves and their children. Call 724-4649 to see if you are eligible.
- ***DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGAL RESOURCES - RESOURCES INC.** (243-4300) (Outside Alb, 1-877-974-3400) ---Legal services for victims of Domestic Violence who income qualify. Free representation in Bernalillo County; free legal information statewide.
- ***FAMILY LAW FORMS ON THE INTERNET** -*Uncontested divorce and uncontested parentage ONLY* (parties must be in complete agreement on ALL issues). www.supremecourt.nm.org (keywords "legal forms," then "domestic relations forms"). Packets also available in Domestic Relations and Pro Se Divisions of the Bernalillo County Courthouse, 400 Lomas NW. For more information on procedure and a better understanding of the legal issues involved, log on to <http://www.seconddistrictcourt.com> (click on Family Court)
- ***GAIN**, Grandparents Are Indeed Necessary (296-3589) P.O. Box 13632 Alb 87192 ---Dedicated to encouraging and expanding visitation rights between (great)grandparents and grandchildren. Weekly meetings offer information and support.
- ***THE GUARDIANSHIP PROJECT** Advocacy, Inc. (256-9369) 122 Tulane SE Alb 87106 www.nmadvocacy.org ---Helping families help children through legal guardianship - for minors (under 18) living with grandparents, relatives or caregivers, and the minor's parents are unavailable or unable to care for the child. Fees for services on sliding scale. Also provides information and referrals for legal services for children.
- ***HOMELESS SERVICES/REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT - CATHOLIC CHARITIES** (724-4670) 1202 Pennsylvania NE ---Resettles refugees, homeless women and children, moves them into permanent housing, takes referrals from homeless shelters to resettle people
- ***LAW ACCESS NEW MEXICO** (Albuquerque 998-4529) or (Statewide 1-800-340-9771) --- Free telephone legal service for low income individuals, Open 9am-3pm M-F.
- ***LAW CLINIC**, University of New Mexico School of Law/ Clinical Law Office (277-5265) (Fax: 277-4367) 1117 Stanford NE, Rm 3228 Alb 87131 lawschool.unm.edu ---Open during school semesters only for a limited number of cases. Provides legal services to students, faculty, employees of UNM and ABQ residents 55 years or older. Eligibility is based on economic need. CALL for availability.
- ***LAW LIBRARY** (a public library) / University of New Mexico School of Law (277-6236) 1117 Stanford NE, Rm 3228 Alb 87131 lawlibrary.unm.edu ---Legal materials and general forms, including family law (divorce, legal separation), name change, and wills. *Library staff can assist with location of these materials, but they cannot give legal advice, cannot choose certain forms and cannot assist with filling out forms.*

***LAWYER COMPLAINTS** Consumer-Attorney Assistance Program (CAAP), State Bar of NM (797-6068) 5121 Masthead NE www.nmbar.org ---Assists in resolving complaints or disputes about fees and other issues between clients and their lawyers. If no agreement can be reached, CAAP provides information and referrals for taking further steps.

***LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE**, Albuquerque Bar Association (243-2615) 400 Gold SW, Suite 620 Alb 87102 www.abqbar.com ---For a minimal charge (\$30), you can obtain a (ONE-TIME) thirty-minute consultation with a qualified attorney. This service can be quite valuable for those who do not qualify for other legal assistance programs.

***LAWYERS CARE REFERRAL PROGRAM**, State Bar of NM (797-6066) OR (1-800-876-6227) www.nmbar.org ---Legal assistance for individuals, for a minimal charge (\$26.45), you can obtain a thirty-minute consultation with a qualified attorney.

***LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF ALBUQUERQUE** (243-7871) 301 Gold Street SW Alb 87102 ---Free legal services to LOW INCOME residents of Bernalillo County ONLY in AFDC, food stamps, state disability benefits, Medicaid, SSI, Sec. 8 housing, landlord/tenant, foreclosures, uncontested divorces and domestic matters where violence or custodial interference has occurred. *Services not provided* are criminal, DWI, personal injury, worker's compensation and paternity.

***LEGAL FACS** (Forms and Court Services) (256-0417) Simms Building 400 Gold SW, Suite 106, Alb 87102 www.nmbar.org ---Attorney volunteers provide forms and information to help LOW INCOME persons handle their own family law cases. Possible representation in serious chronic domestic violence cases. Also provides services for LOW INCOME persons in some civil cases. You must CALL FIRST to be qualified for these services.

***NATIVE AMERICAN LEGAL RESOURCES** - ask the Pro Se Division for more information

***NEW MEXICO AGENCY ON AGING** (1-800-432-2080) ---For information on elder abuse or other issues facing the elderly (see also Adult Protective Services above)

***NEW MEXICO RESOURCES FOR RENTERS** (1-800-348-9370) or Santa Fe (505-983-8447) 664 Alta Vista, Santa Fe nmhotline@aol.com --- Information and referrals to landlords and tenants, low cost forms or free for low income individuals.

***NEW MEXICO YOUNG FATHERS PROJECT** (Albuquerque 254-8737, 540 Chama NE, Suite 11, 87108) (Santa Fe (505) 989-1855) (Las Cruces (505) 556-1559) ---Non-profit partnership committed to providing support to young fathers through improving parenting skills, educational levels, employment capabilities, and social stability. This Project recognizes the importance of young fathers who take a turn in their lives to provide a better life for themselves and their children.

***PEGASUS - Legal Services for Children** (244-1101) (fax:244-0060) 4916 Fourth Street NW Alb www.pegasuslaw.org --- Helping children and the adults who support them understand the child's legal rights and options regarding access to medical and mental health services, domestic violence affecting children, special education, emancipation, guardianship, and teen pregnancy and parenting.

***PRO SE DIVISION** (Self Represented Litigants), 2nd Judicial District Court (841-6702) Bernalillo County Courthouse, 400 Lomas NW (4th & Lomas), 2nd Floor, Room 277 Alb 87102 www.nmcourts.com ---Limited forms, information and referrals for Self Represented Litigants. Call first for hours.

***PROBATE COURT** (768-4247) One Civic Plaza NW, 6th Floor, Alb 87102 www.bernco.gov ---Only accepts informal, uncontested probates (all other probates must be filed in District Court). Forms are available for \$5 or can be downloaded for free from the court's website.

***PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY** (256-3100) 1720 Louisiana Blvd., NE #204 Alb 87110 www.nmpanda.org ---Provides services to persons who are developmentally and/or mentally disabled.

***PUBLIC DEFENDER** --- **FEDERAL** - (346-2489) 111 Lomas NW, Ste. 501 Alb 87102 ---Legal Services in Federal Criminal cases only. *Applicants must first apply for services at the Federal Magistrate Court, 333 Lomas NW, 2nd Floor. Applicants must have ID.* --- **STATE** - (841-5100) 505 Central NW Alb 87102 ---Free legal assistance in state court criminal

cases for qualified low-income people charged with a felony, misdemeanor or DWI.

***SENIOR CITIZENS LAW OFFICE (SCLO)** (265-2300) 4317 Lead SE Alb 87108 www.geocities.com/abqsclo/ ---Free legal services for Bernalillo County residents 60 or over in civil (non-criminal) cases, including SSI, VA, and other government benefits, power-of-attorney, guardianship/conservatorship, foreclosure, financial exploitation, landlord-tenant/public housing/Section 8, consumer matters, health-related issues and long-term care. *Will not help with divorce or personal injury issues.*

***LAWYER REFERRAL FOR THE ELDERLY (LREP)** (1-800-876-6657) (outside Bernalillo County) OR (797-6005) (Bernalillo County, but ONLY if SCLO cannot help you; see above) www.nmbar.org

--Legal services for NM residents 55 and over. *If you live in Bernalillo County, try SCLO first (see above)*

***SENIOR SOCIAL SERVICES - CATHOLIC CHARITIES** (724-0442) 2010 Bridge SW ---Free transportation and friendly visiting to homebound seniors, respite care for caregivers. The Homecare Program offers light housekeeping, meal preparation, errands, personal care and companionship

***STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO** (797-6000) (1-800-876-6227) P.O. Box 25883 Alb 87125 www.nmbar.org ---Free General Information publications on various areas of the law mailed free of charge.

***WOMEN'S COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** (247-4219) (1-800-773-3645) P.O. Box 25363 Alb 87125 www.swcp.com/wca

---Shelter and other support services for victims of domestic violence, including family counseling, life social skills, parenting skills, anger management, self esteem building, nutrition and resume writing, children's programs, some legal information.
***YELLOW PAGES "INFORMATION GUIDE"/LEGAL TOPICS** (291-6300, then 4-digit code) ---Prerecorded information on various legal topics, including family law, criminal law, personal injury, workers' compensation, wills, estates and bankruptcy. Check the Table of Contents in the Yellow Pages.